

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein.


The claims in the application are claims 1 to 19, 21 and 22, all other claims having been cancelled.

The undersigned had a telephone conversation with the Examiner in charge of the application and the present amendment is being submitted in accordance therewith.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct the definition of R<sup>1</sup> and to recite that there is a salt obtained and then optionally the free form thereof is obtained by reaction of the salt with a base to obtain the free form thereof. This is in accordance with the specification and therefore, it is believed that the claims are now definite.

In the event that the Examiner wants any further amendment, he is requested to telephone the undersigned to discuss a possible Examiner's Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,  
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